

**ACTION TRANSMITTAL – 2020-14**

**DATE:** March 5, 2020

**TO:** Transportation Advisory Board

**FROM:** Technical Advisory Committee

**PREPARED BY:** Joe Barbeau, Senior Planner (651-602-1705)

**SUBJECT:** Streamlined 2020-2023 TIP Amendment: MnDOT Temporary Signal Installation

**REQUESTED ACTION:** MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add a project installing temporary signals at Interstate 35 E and County Road J in Lino Lakes.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Recommend to the Council adoption of an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add a project installing temporary signals at Interstate 35 E and County Road J in Lino Lakes.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** This amendment is needed to add a project installing temporary signals at the County Road J (Ash Street) interchange with I-35E. The project will address back-up onto I-35E.

The request is eligible for streamlining. The project is funded by statewide HSIP funds not awarded through the Regional Solicitation process.

**RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY:** Federal law requires that all transportation projects that will be funded with federal funds be in an approved TIP and meet the following four tests: fiscal constraint; consistency with the adopted regional transportation plan; air quality conformity; and opportunity for public input. It is the TAB's responsibility to recommend TIP amendments to the Council for adoption.

The Streamlined TIP Amendment Process allows projects that meet certain conditions to be streamlined, which entails forgoing TAC Funding & Programming Committee review and results in saving a month of process time.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** This project meets the standards to streamline a TIP amendment in that it is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, is not regionally significant, and does not relate to a formal project scope change.

This TIP amendment meets fiscal constraint because the federal and state funds are sufficient to fully fund the project. The amendment is consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council on October 24, 2018, as amended on April 24, 2019 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on May 9, 2019. The Air Quality and Transportation Planning Committee determined that the project is exempt for air quality conformity analysis. Public input opportunity for these amendments is provided through the TAB's and Council's regular meetings.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION:** At its March 4, 2020, meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add a project installing temporary signals at Interstate 35 E and County Road J in Lino Lakes.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	3/4/2020
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	

Please amend the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include this project in program year 2020. This project is being submitted with the following information:

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:**

State Fiscal Year	ATP/ Dist	Route System	Project Number	Agency	Description	Miles
2020	M	I35E	6281-52	MnDOT	I35E @ Cty Road J in Lino Lakes- Install temporary signals	0.0

Prog	Type of Work	Prop Funds	Total \$	FHWA \$
SH	Traffic Management	HSIP 164	300,000	300,000

**PROJECT BACKGROUND:**

1. Briefly describe why amendment is needed (e.g., project in previous TIP but not completed; illustrative project and funds now available; discretionary funds received; inadvertently not included in TIP).

This amendment is needed to add Sec 164 HSIP project into the SFY 2020. The project will address back-up onto Interstate 35E.

2. How is Fiscal Constraint Maintained as required by 23 CFR 450.216 (check all that apply)?

- New Money
- Anticipated Advance Construction
- ATP or MPO or MnDOT Adjustment by deferral of other projects
- Earmark or HPP not affecting fiscal constraint
- Other X

\*Section 164 HSIP funds are above and beyond Metro District’s federal regular target formula funds. Therefore, fiscal constraint is maintained

**CONSISTENCY WITH MPO LONG RANGE PLAN:**

This amendment is consistent with the Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan, adopted by the Metropolitan Council April 24, 2019 with FHWA/FTA conformity determination established on May 9, 2019.

**AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY:**

- Subject to conformity determination
- Exempt from regional level analysis X\*
- N/A (not in a nonattainment or maintenance area)

\*Exempt Project Category E-2. Intersection signalization projects at individual intersections per Section 93.126 of the Conformity Rules.